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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadashi OHASHI

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Group Art Unit: 2176

Confirmation No. 8272

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Examiner: NGUYEN, MAIKHANH

For: INTEGRATED DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL  
DEVICE, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A  
DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREIN

**SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The advisory action mailed July 20, 2005, explains that the examiner "could not locate" within pages 19-24 and figures 2-5 several features of the claims. The applicant provides these supplemental remarks to help the examiner locate the features.

Regarding document files in a lower hierarchy layer, the applicant respectfully directs the examiner's attention to page 19, line 25, which recites "**a document . . . in the lower layer.**"

Regarding a document file in an upper hierarchy layer, the applicant points the examiner to page 19, line 19, which recites "**a document . . . in the upper layer.**"

Furthermore, the applicant directs the examiner's attention to the arrows shown in Figure 4. These arrows start at tag "Z" in an upper hierarchy, and the arrows point to files in a lower hierarchy. This figure clearly discloses the feature "where document files in the lower hierarchy are referenced above in the upper hierarchy layer."

The applicant respectfully asserts that at least these disclosures convey to one skilled in the art that the applicant had possession of the claimed invention.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of these supplemental remarks,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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